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## BASE STATION PHYSICIANS' COMMITTEE MEETING

### Minutes

Tuesday, July 18, 2006

#### Members Present

Davis, M.D., Dan – UCSD/Mercy Air  
Dotson, R.N., Melody – UCSD  
Dunford, M.D., Jim – City of San Diego  
Glasser, M.D., Judd – Tri-City  
Grad, M.D., Michele – Palomar/Pomerado  
Kramer, M.D., Mark – Sharp Memorial  
Linnik, M.D., Bill – Sharp Grossmont  
Morikado, M.D., Lisa – Scripps La Jolla  
Schwartz, M.D., Brad – American Medical Response  
Zahller, M.D., Steve – Scripps Mercy

#### County Staff Present

Haynes, M.D., Bruce  
Marcotte, R.N., Annie  
Metz, R.N., Marcy  
Stepanski, Barbara

#### Recorder

Rupp, Merle

#### Guests Present

Allington, R.N., Linda – North County Fire  
Bourdon, R.N., Darlene – Scripps Mercy  
Brown, R.N., Lana – UCSD ROC  
Broyles, R.N., Linda – Scripps La Jolla  
Buono, M.D., Colleen – UCSD  
Cerrone, R.N., Sharon – Mercy Air  
Fisher, Roger – San Diego Fire Rescue  
Frederick, Bill – San Marcos Fire  
Graydon, R.N., Cheryl – Palomar  
Johnson, Wayne – S.D. Medical Services Enterprise  
Lee, James – American Medical Response  
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – Sharp Grossmont  
Morton, Chuck – San Marcos Fire  
Myers, Dannie – American Medical Response  
Ochs, R.N., Ginger – San Diego Fire Rescue  
Rainey, R.N., Susan – Tri-City  
Ramanujam, M.D., Prasanthi – UCSD EMS  
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Sharp Memorial  
Rudinsky, Sherri – Naval Medical Center San Diego  
Sallee, M.D., Don – Naval Medical Center San Diego  
Smith, R.N., Susan – San Diego Fire Rescue  
Steen, R.N., Pam – Mercy Air

## **I. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Jim Dunford, M.D., Chair, brought the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

Dr. Dunford thanked Mark Kramer, M.D., for chairing last month's BSPPC meeting.

## **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION made by Mark Kramer, M.D., Seconded by Steve Zahller, M.D., to approve the Minutes of June 20, 2006. MOTION carried.**

## **III. MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Bruce Haynes, M.D.)**

STEMI Update: Twelve hospitals applied to become STEMI Receiving Centers. Eight hospitals received their site visit for STEMI receiving center designation. Another four will be surveyed later this week. The plan is to begin operations in August, 2006, after Board of Supervisors' approval and designation of the facilities with Memorandum of Agreements. All the related policies have been approved through the Emergency Medical Care Committee.

Offload Study: Data is being generated and tabulated now. A quick look shows some delays, but generally short off-load times. This will be presented at the September, 2006 BSPC meeting.

Capacity Study: The hospital capacity study again had about 19% of possible data reported for June, 2006. After extended discussion at the Emergency Medical Operations Committee (EMOC), Roneet Lev, M.D., sent out a reminder on data collection. After several more months the group may re-look as how to conduct the study and the goal.

Alvarado Hospital Update: The San Diego Union-Tribune has reported Tenet Healthcare stated all bidders for Alvarado Hospital operate hospitals. This is good news and seems to increase the chances the hospital will continue to operate as an acute care facility.

Overcrowding Summit: This EMOC event is set for Tuesday, October 3, 2006 and will include presentations by hospitals with idea sharing on solutions.

Ginger Ochs, R.N., San Diego Fire Rescue, distributed some correspondence on EMTALA regulations regarding when a patient becomes a hospital patient upon delivery from an ambulance or other means.

## **IV. BASE HOSPITAL NURSE COORDINATOR'S RPT. (Melody Dotson, R.N.)**

A mini-study on I.V. success rate was conducted in March, 2006 from all adult CPR patients with cardiac arrest. A total of 187 CPR's were reviewed. A total of 163 were attempted with a I.V. success rate of 91%.

## **V. ROC UPDATE (Dan Davis, M.D.)**

The Hypertonic Saline Study is up and running with Canadian sites only thus far. The community consent process within the next week or two will include an advertising campaign. Then individual Institutional Review Boards (IRB's) will be submitted for final review so the start-up date is hoped to be early August, 2006. A telephone survey was conducted of over 500 people and overwhelming support was received by approximately 80%. Dr. Davis is responsible for the training which requires special software. A press release will eventually be released.

**VI. I.O.'s (Jim Dunford, M.D.)**

The issue at this time is where does the BSPC want to go with adult I.O. lines. Brad Schwartz, M.D., has offered to set up a data-based presentation by a manufacturer that will not be vendor-oriented. **ACTION: Dr. Schwartz will meet with the company representative(s) and put the representative in touch with Colleen Buono, M.D., and Prasanthi Ramanujam, M.D. to discuss further whether or not a presentation can be set up for BSPC in the near future.**

**VII. SAN DIEGO HEALTHCARE DISASTER COUNCIL  
(Linda Rosenberg, R.N.)**

All the participating hospitals should be making their purchases for HRSA Year Four due by July 31, 2006. Components for HRSA Year Four purchases include surge capacity, pharmaceutical cache, education and training.

The Council conducted a disaster drill critique and minutes from that July 12, 2006 meeting are available. The Council also decided to participate primarily in the State-wide drill of Wednesday, November 15, 2006. The State-wide drill will consist of a mass destruction scenario, earthquake and decontamination. On November 16, 2006, the County's Medical Operations Center (MOC) will have a drill with San Bernardino County to do community work. That is still being planned.

**VIII. HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THREATS (HACOT)  
(Jim Dunford, M.D.)**

The National Foundation for Trauma has identified Children's Hospital San Diego as one of the top five most prepared trauma centers in the nation for disaster preparedness. The hospital filled out a survey and underwent a site verification visit last week.

The full HACOT group has not met in awhile but a subcommittee working on Quarantine Isolation continues to meet. Their next meeting is September 16, 2006.

A document on the Avian Flu has been circulating and being reviewed by various groups. **ACTION: Dr. Haynes will find out what's happening with that document and possibly bring it or send it out to BSPC for review in the near future.**

**IX. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, September 19, 2006, 11:00 a.m. at Sharp Spectrum Auditorium, 8695 Spectrum Center Court, Kearny Mesa, San Diego.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Merle Rupp, Board Secretary  
County EMS

